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### **City Unveils Street Safety Improvements**

STAMFORD, CT – Mayor David Martin and City officials today unveiled several improvements designed to enhance road safety in Stamford. The announcement came as part of the Stamford Street Smart Initiative, a program launched by the Mayor in September to promote pedestrian, driver and cyclist safety throughout the city.

Improvements unveiled include 12 new road stanchions, backlit “no turn on red” signs, signal strobes at midblock intersections, painted curb extensions and new solar-powered signage at crosswalks. The Mayor instructed City engineers to propose a set of improvements that could be implemented immediately to improve visibility at key intersections throughout the City. Long term solutions are also being evaluated.

“The City engineering team and highways department worked together to come up with a suite of immediate and cost effective actions that would improve the safety of our streets. These improvements will undoubtedly make our neighborhoods and high traffic areas safer and more welcoming for pedestrians and drivers alike. This is especially timely as we head into the winter months with less daylight and less accommodating weather conditions,” said Mayor Martin. “It was important that the City simultaneously pursue not only larger, more long term solutions, but look to what could be done in the short run to make progress.”

A description of each improvement and affected areas is listed below.

#### **New Road Stanchions**

Road stanchions are being placed at 12 locations throughout Stamford, selected by the City based on vehicular and pedestrian traffic volume. The new stanchions are intended to improve visibility of pedestrian crosswalks and make motorists more cautious when traveling through our neighborhoods. A map of newly placed road stanchions is attached.



## Mid-Block Signal Strobes

Mid-block strobes are intended to improve visibility for drivers at mid-block intersections. They are installed or scheduled to be installed at the following locations:

1. Washington Boulevard in the vicinity of Bell Street
2. Gateway entrance to Train Station on North Street in the vicinity of UBS.
3. Atlantic Street in the vicinity of Landmark Square.



## Backlit “No Turn On Red” Signs

Backlit “No Turn On Red” signs are being installed at high traffic intersections to improve visibility for motorists. Signs are now being installed on the horizontal bar near the traffic signal to maximize visibility. They are installed or are scheduled to be installed at the following locations:

1. Intersection of Washington Blvd. and Tresser Blvd.
2. Intersection of Atlantic Street and Tresser Blvd.
3. Intersection of Washington Blvd. and Broad Street (UCONN).



## Painted Curb Extensions

Painted curb extensions extend the sidewalk to narrow the roadway and provide additional pedestrian space at key locations. They enhance pedestrian safety by increasing pedestrian visibility, shortening crossing distances, slowing turning vehicles, and visually narrowing the roadway. They have or will be painted at the following locations; additional intersections will be painted in Spring 2015:

1. Bedford Street at Hoyt Street,
2. Bedford Street at Oak Street
3. Bedford Street at First Street
4. Bedford Street at Second Street
5. Bedford Street at Third Street
6. Bedford Street at Fourth Street
7. Summer Street at Oak Street
8. Summer Street at First Street
9. Summer Street at Fourth Street
10. Summer Street at Sixth Street
11. Forest Street at Greyrock Place
12. Roxbury Road. at Den Road
13. Halpin Avenue. Between High Ridge Road & Oaklawn Avenue
14. Foxwood Road. at Foxridge Road.
15. Turner Road at Sherwood Road